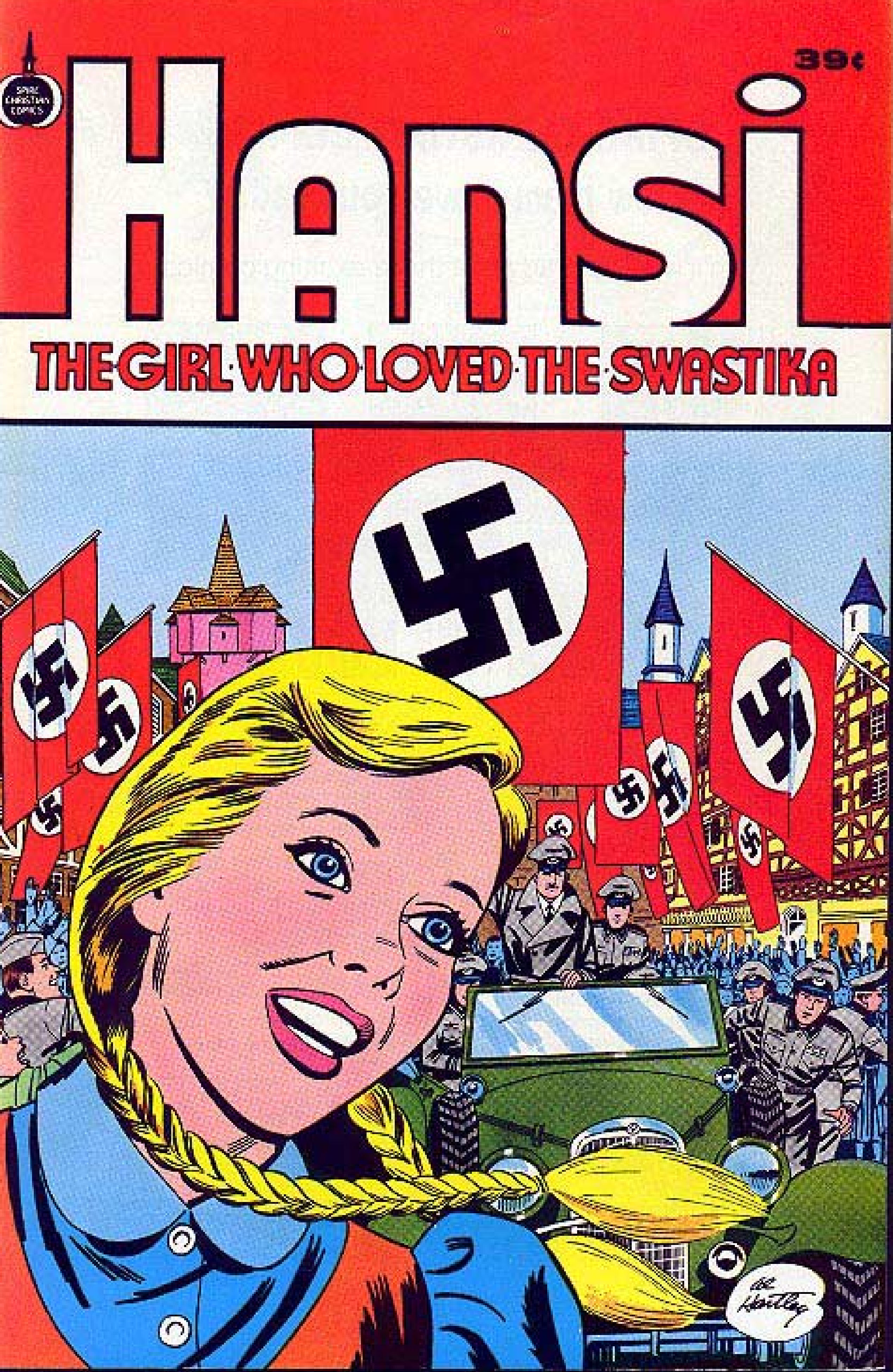

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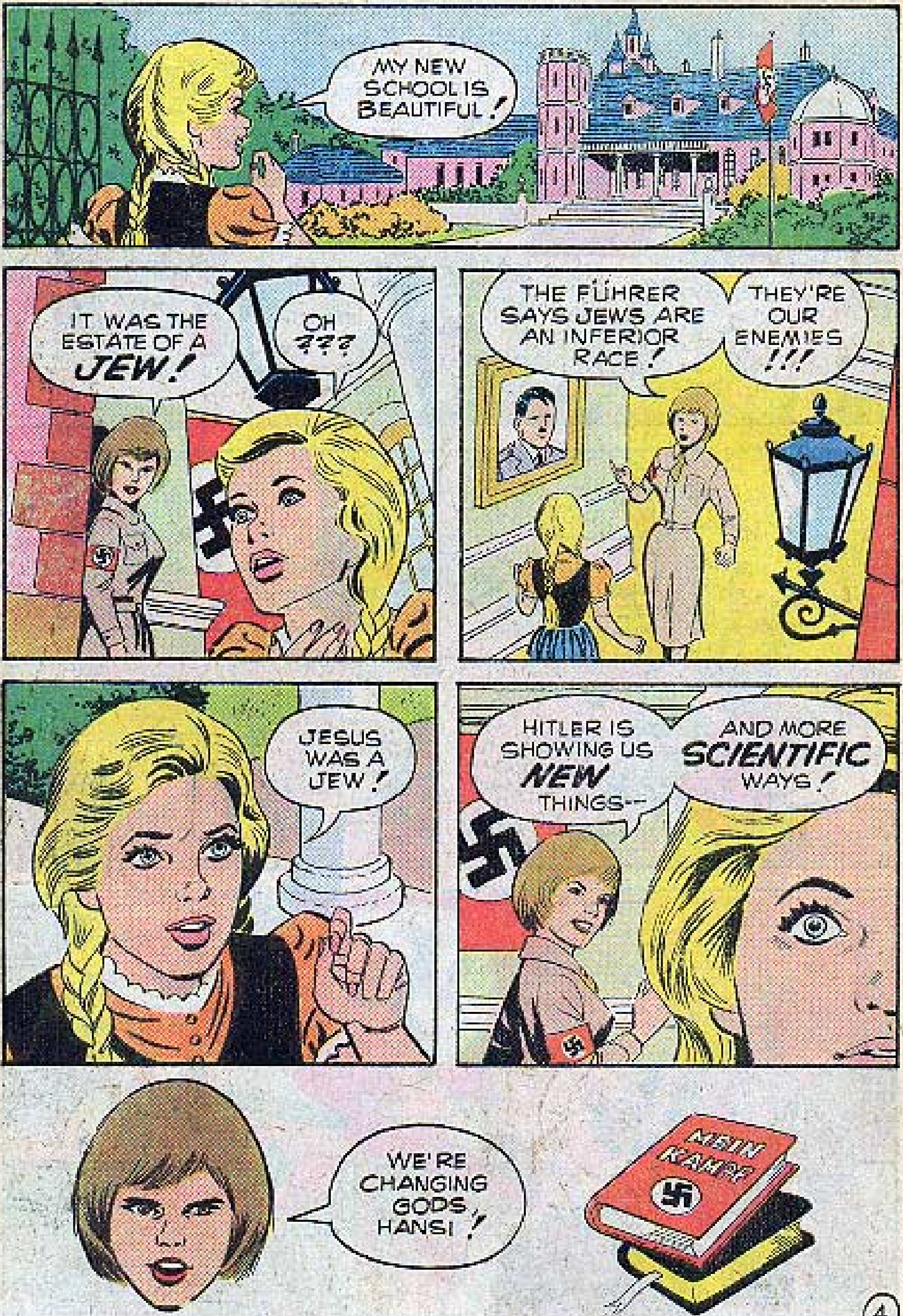


WHAT A STRANGE CROSS!
IT HAS HOOKS ON THE ENDS!
SEPTEMBER, 1938 ---
WE HAVE COME TO SUDETENLAND TO MAKE YOU FREE!
WE BRING FOOD AND JOBS!!!
LOOK, MOTHER!
THE NAZIS HAVE BROUGHT BOOKS, TOO!


BEFORE I HAD ONLY YOUR BIBLE TO READ!
WITH THESE BOOKS, I'LL MAKE IT TO THE TOP!
WHAT TOP, HANSI?
HITLER IS PICKING STUDENTS FOR SPECIAL TRAINING IN NAZI SCHOOLS!
YOU'VE WON, HANSI!
YOU'RE GOING TO PRAGUE!
IMAGINE A LITTLE PEASANT GIRL WINNING SUCH A COMPETITION!
SOMEDAY I'LL BE A YOUTH LEADER FOR THE FUHRER!
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LOOK ONCE MORE BEFORE YOU LEAVE, HANSI---
THERE WILL NEVER BE ANYTHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN THIS SPOT---
IT WAS YOUR **HOME**!
DON'T BE SAD, MOTHER---
I'M GOING TO HELP BUILD A NEW FUTURE!
HANSI---
DON'T EVER FORGET JESUS!
AUF WIEDERSEHEN---
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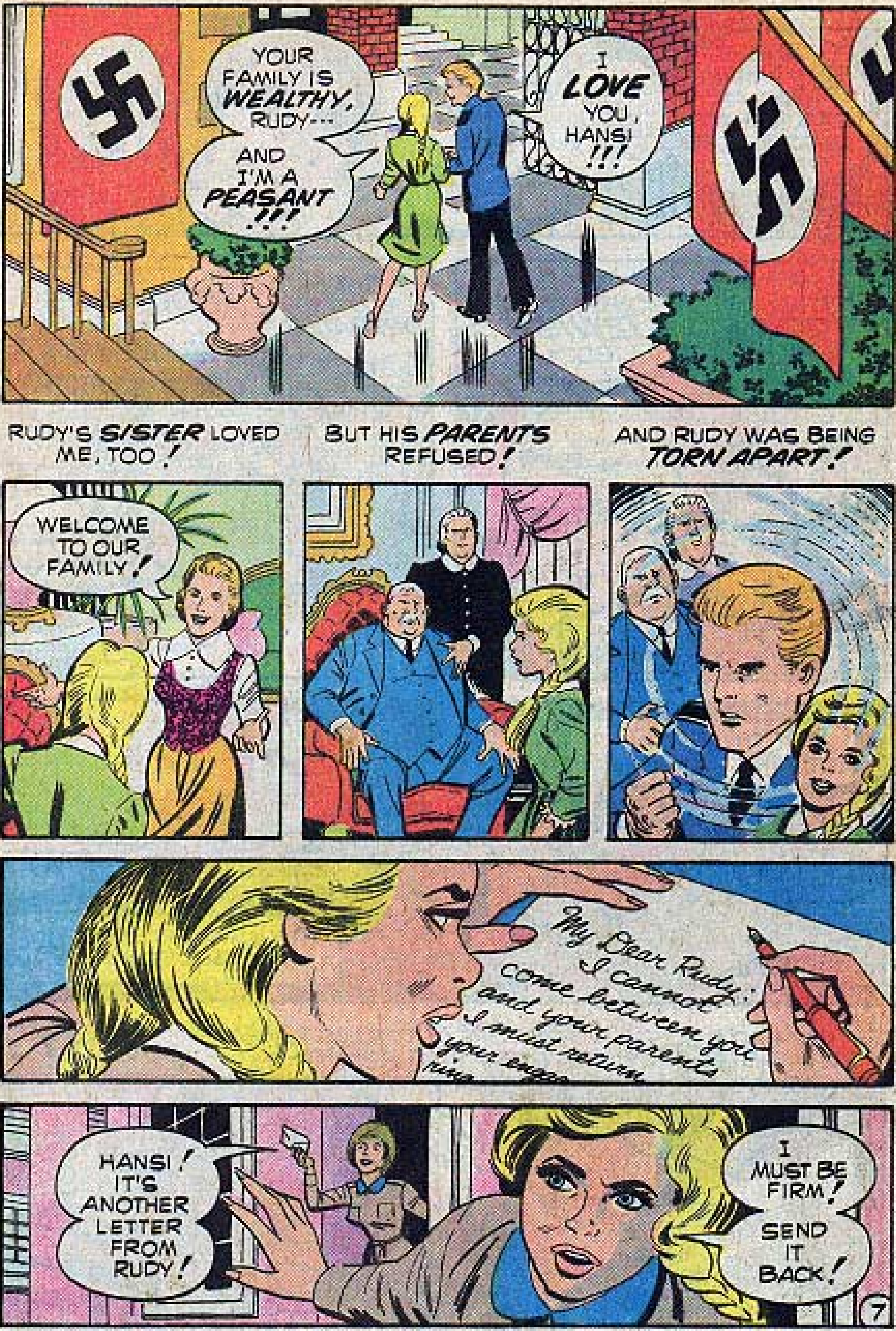


MY NEW SCHOOL IS BEAUTIFUL!
IT WAS THE ESTATE OF A JEW!
OH ???
THE FÜHRER SAYS JEWS ARE AN INFERIOR RACE!
THEY'RE OUR ENEMIES !!!
JESUS WAS A JEW!
HITLER IS SHOWING US NEW THINGS--
AND MORE SCIENTIFIC WAYS!
WE'RE CHANGING GODS, HANSI!
MEIN KAMPF



HITLER YOUTH---
YOU ARE MY YOUTH!
YOU ARE THE GERMANY OF TOMORROW!!!
THE WAR GETS BIGGER---
OUR RATIONS SMALLER!!!
I'M PROUD TO BE HUNGRY---
FOR GERMANY'S GREAT FUTURE!!!
I LOST MY IDEALS WHEN I LOST MY EYES ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT!
WE ARE NOTHING---
THE REICH IS EVERYTHING!


AND THERE WAS STILL ANOTHER SIDE TO THE WAR---
My Dear Hansi:
When this U-boat
patrol ends, I will
be able to visit you
I have saved
days so
OH, RUDY...
WE'VE SPENT TWO YEARS WRITING LETTERS---
---AND DREAMING BEAUTIFUL DREAMS---
NOW WE'RE FINALLY GOING TO MEET!
HANSI!
HE'S HERE!
ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED, HANSI?
NO, RUDY!!!
NEITHER AM I---
I WANT YOU TO BE MY WIFE!


YOUR FAMILY IS WEALTHY, RUDY---
AND I'M A PEASANT!!!
I LOVE YOU, HANSI!!!
RUDY'S SISTER LOVED ME, TOO!
WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!
BUT HIS PARENTS REFUSED!
AND RUDY WAS BEING TORN APART!
My Dear Rudy: I cannot come between you and your parents. I must return
HANSI! IT'S ANOTHER LETTER FROM RUDY!
I MUST BE FIRM!
SEND IT BACK!
7



MY BOY FRIEND WAS AT STALINGRAD JUST BEFORE IT FELL---
HIS LAST LETTER SAID:
SEND US BIBLES!!!
WHY WOULD OUR SOLDIERS CALL FOR BIBLES
ISN'T IT SOME SORT OF JEWISH BOOK?
THE BIBLE IS OUTDATED!
IT'S FOR COWARDS AND WEAKLINGS!
BUT THESE MEN WEREN'T COWARDS!
WHY WAS THE BIBLE SO IMPORTANT TO THEM?
THEY HAD SO FEW BIBLES---
---THEY TORE OUT PAGES SO EACH MAN COULD HAVE A PART---
WHY?


HANSI !!!
WE'VE GOT TO EVACUATE !!!
THE RUSSIANS APPROACH !!!
DON'T PANIC!
HITLER WON'T LET PRAGUE FALL!
OUR ORDERS ARE TO LEAVE---
NOW !!!
I'M GOING, TOO!
YOUR PLACE IS HERE!
TO DEFEND THE FATHERLAND !!!
I'D RATHER SPEND MY TIME WITH YOU!
I'M PURE! AND I'M GOING TO STAY PURE!
YOU'RE A HOPELESS DREAMER, GIRL!
WAKE UP!
LIFE'S ABOUT OVER FOR YOU AND ME!
LIVE WHILE YOU CAN!


I BELIEVE IN HITLER AND VICTORY!
YOU DUMB GIRL!
SAVE YOUR DREAMS AND BODY FOR THE RUSSIANS!!!
THEY'LL TEACH YOU!
WE JUST GOT WORD---
HITLER'S DEAD!
HE COMMITTED SUICIDE!
GERMANY SURRENDERED THE DREAM ENDED THE NIGHTMARE BEGAN!
REICHENBERG ST
WHERE ARE THE RUSSIANS TAKING US?
A LABOR CAMP!


THE DAYS WERE UNBEARABLE!
THE NIGHTS UNTHINKABLE!
EEEEEEEEEK!
Help!
STOP!
NO! NO!
PLEASE!
OH NO!
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE SKINNY, HANS!
THEY DON'T WANT YOU!
THEY'LL BE BACK---
EVERY NIGHT!
WE'VE GOT TO ESCAPE!!!
11


IF WE FAIL, IT'LL BE WORSE FOR US!
I'LL NEVER SURRENDER TO THOSE BEASTS!!!
THE RUSSIANS ARE ALL OVER!!!
WE'LL HEAD FOR WEST GERMANY--
THE AMERICANS ARE THERE!
AMERICANS???
THEY'RE ALL GUM-CHEWING GANGSTERS!!!
WELL, I'VE HEARD THEY DON'T FORCE THEIR ATTENTION ON WOMEN!


HANSI --- DO YOU SUPPOSE THERE'S ANY PEACE AND LOVE LEFT IN THIS WORLD ?
YES---
IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING--- I THINK SOME PEOPLE HAVE IT!
HANSI ---
DON'T EVER FORGET JESUS!
LOOK!
THE REFUGEES NO LONGER MOVE WEST !!!
THEY'RE JUST MILLING AROUND!
WHY ???
THERE'S THE ANSWER---
NO-MAN'S-LAND!
THE RUSSIANS SHOOT ANYTHING THAT MOVES ACROSS IT!
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IS THERE NO WAY TO CROSS INTO WEST GERMANY ???
THE FERRY PILOT!
HE KNOWS A SECRET PASS!
THIS IS ALL WE HAVE, SIR---
IS IT ENOUGH ???
THOSE WOODS--- AT MIDNIGHT!
FERRY
LATER---
HANSI!
THERE ARE OTHERS!
IS IT A TRAP ???
14


THE GUIDE APPROACHES !!!
QUICKLY---
SINGLE FILE---
BE SILENT !!!
WE MARCHED ALL NIGHT!
I TURN BACK HERE---
THE BORDER IS ONE HUNDRED YARDS AHEAD!
STOP!
15


BAM!
RUSSIAN SOLDIERS!
POKA! POKA! POKA!
MOMMY !!!
DON'T CRY, CHILD!
THEY'LL FIRE AT ANY SOUND !!!
WE'VE GOT TO GET THROUGH THIS STREAM...
AND ACROSS THAT FIELD!
RUN, CHILD!
FASTER !!!
WE MADE IT!
WHAT MIRACLE PREVENTED THEM FROM FIRING AT US?
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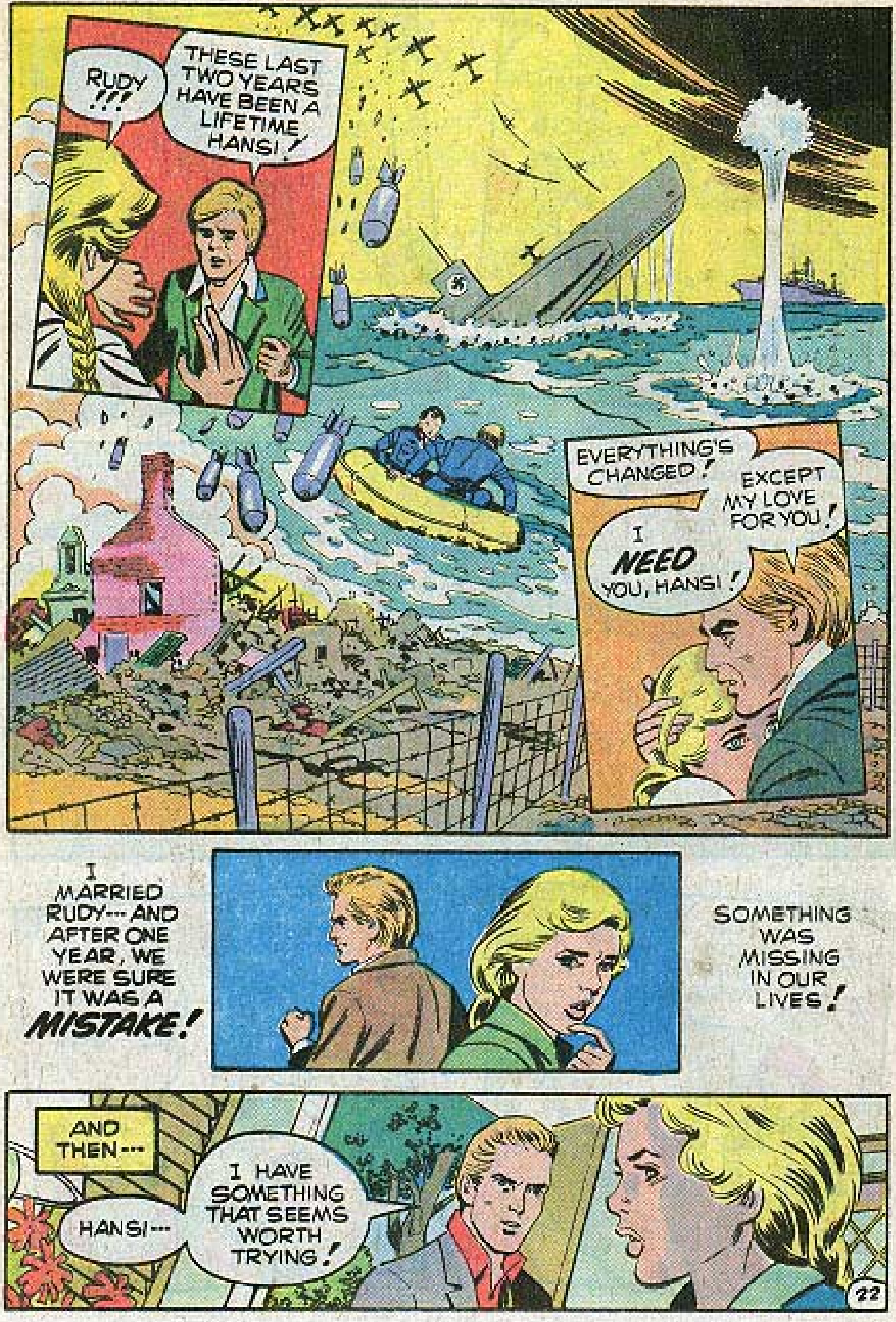
THERE'S A LIGHT!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
AN AMERICAN!!! AND HE'S CHEWING GUM!
WE JUST ESCAPED FROM THE RUSSIAN ZONE!!!
Archie
THIS CHILD NEEDS WARM CLOTHING---
OR SHE'LL DIE!
COME IN!
17


THESE AMERICANS DON'T ACT LIKE GANGSTERS !!!
WE'LL SEE THAT THE CHILD IS CARED FOR!
DANKE !!!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
YOU LOOK TIRED!
DO YOU WANT TO SLEEP ???
SO THAT'S IT!
YOU SOLDIERS ARE ALL ALIKE!
HOLD IT!
WE'RE NOT RUSSIANS!
WE'RE AMERICANS!
YOU'RE SAFE HERE!
USE THIS ROOM!
18


THE NEXT MORNING---
WHO IS IT?
KNOCK! KNOCK!
BREAKFAST !!!
GO AHEAD!
EAT!
IT'S ALL FOR YOU!
DANKE!
WE CONTACTED THE LOCAL RED CROSS!
THEY'VE GOT A HOME FOR THE CHILD---
AND A RATION CARD FOR YOU!
HOW COULD THESE BOYS BE ALLIES WITH THE RUSSIANS ???
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HANSI!
THAT VOICE IS FAMILIAR !!!
RUDY'S SISTER!
ANNEMARIE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ???
WE'RE REFUGEES, TOO!
THE RUSSIANS TOOK EVERYTHING!
WE WERE LUCKY TO GET OUT ALIVE!
AND RUDY ???
HIS U-BOAT WAS SUNK!
FOR ALL WE KNOW---
HE'S DEAD!
MOTHER NEVER REALIZED HOW MUCH HE LOVED YOU!
SHE'S PAID MANY WAYS FOR WHAT SHE DID!
WRITE TO US, HANSI---
YOU'RE ALL RUDY LEFT US!
REFUGEE
20


YOUR EDUCATIONAL TRAINING QUALIFIES YOU AS A TEACHER...
AND WE'RE RE-OPENING THE SCHOOLS!
I BEGAN TEACHING FIRST GRADE IN THE BAVARIAN ALPS!!!
ALL AT ONCE, SO MANY GOOD THINGS WERE HAPPENING!
HANSI!!! ...
IT'S FROM THE RED CROSS!
RUDY'S ALIVE!!! ...
HE'S COMING HERE!
I WAS HURT ONCE!
I MUSTN'T FALL IN LOVE AGAIN!
21


RUDY !!!
THESE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN A LIFETIME HANSI!
EVERYTHING'S CHANGED!
EXCEPT MY LOVE FOR YOU!
I NEED YOU, HANSI!
I MARRIED RUDY--- AND AFTER ONE YEAR, WE WERE SURE IT WAS A MISTAKE!
SOMETHING WAS MISSING IN OUR LIVES!
AND THEN---
HANSI---
I HAVE SOMETHING THAT SEEMS WORTH TRYING!
22



A BIBLE ???
WE'LL LEARN ABOUT JESUS!
JESUS WAS AN IMPOSTER!
WHAT CAN HE DO FOR US?
I'VE MET CHRISTIANS AT THE UNIVERSITY---
JESUS HAS DONE A LOT FOR THEM!
JOHN 3
16 For God loves you so much that He gave His Son Jesus, so that you, believing in Him, will not be lost, but will have eternal life.
17 God
RUDY--- DO WE DARE TO BELIEVE ???
IS THIS BOOK REALLY GOD'S WORD?
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IS IT POSSIBLE ???
THAT HE DIED FOR US?
AND EVEN MORE---
THAT HE LIVES FOR US!
I'M GOING TO TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD!
LORD, YOUR PROMISES SEEM TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE---
---AND WE'VE BEEN DISAPPOINTED SO MUCH---
---BUT WE WANT TO BELIEVE!
WE COME TO YOU AS CHILDREN !!!
HELP US, FATHER---
HELP US!
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OVER THE YEARS, OUR FAITH AND FAMILY GREW...
--- AND GOD HAD MORE BLESSINGS IN STORE!
HANSA
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THERE'S THE STATUE OF LIBERTY!
AIRLINES
IS THIS AMERICA ???

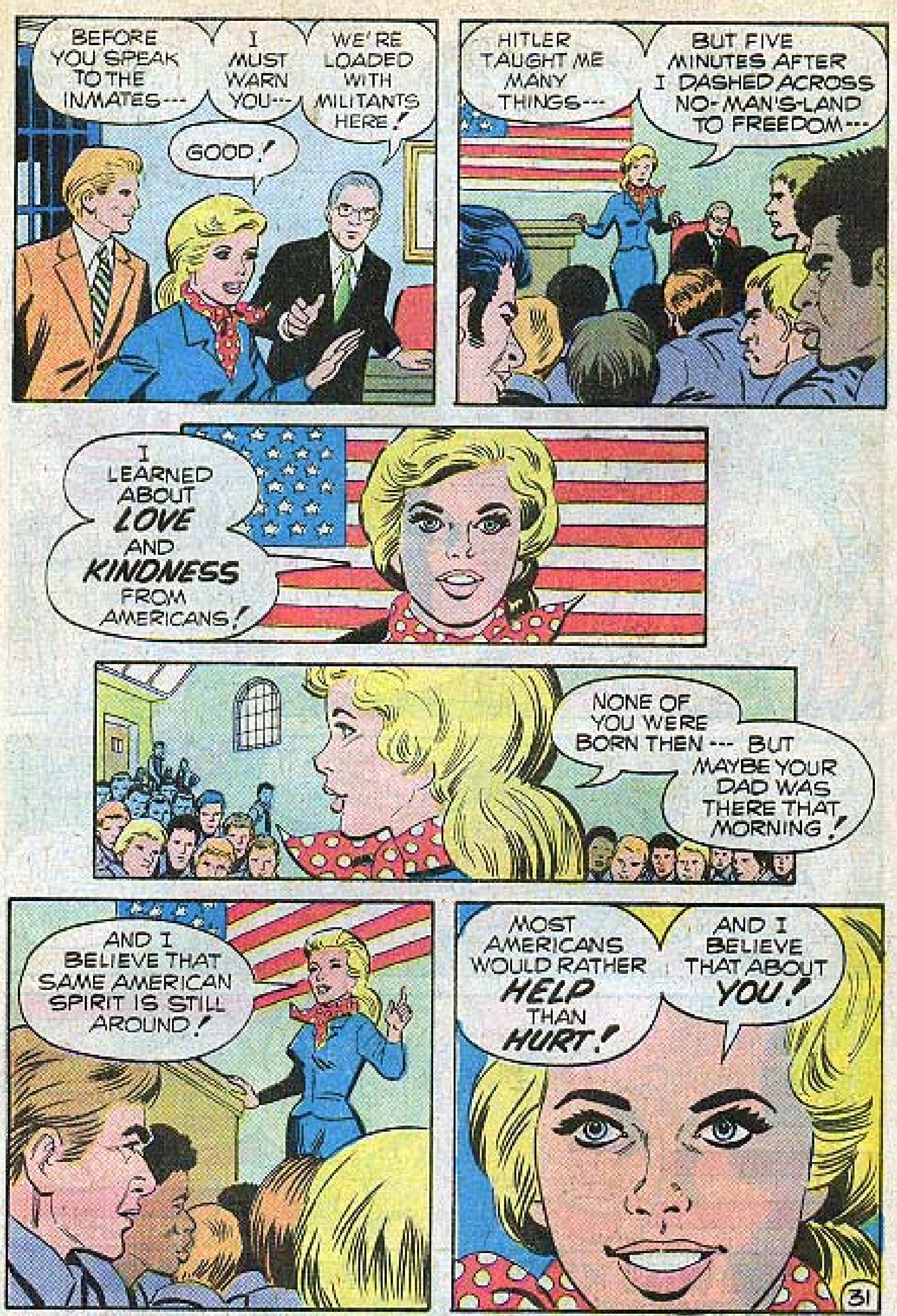

SPEED 55 LIMIT
BRIDGE MERGE LEFT
SOUTH BELT EXIT
DON'T AMERICANS HAVE PRIDE IN THEIR COUNTRY?
MARINA PARKING
THEY HAVE SO MUCH!
SALE
DIET
FROZEN
LOOK AT ALL THIS FOOD!
AND YET EVERYWHERE I SEE DIET!
LOW CAL
LOW FAT
SPECIAL

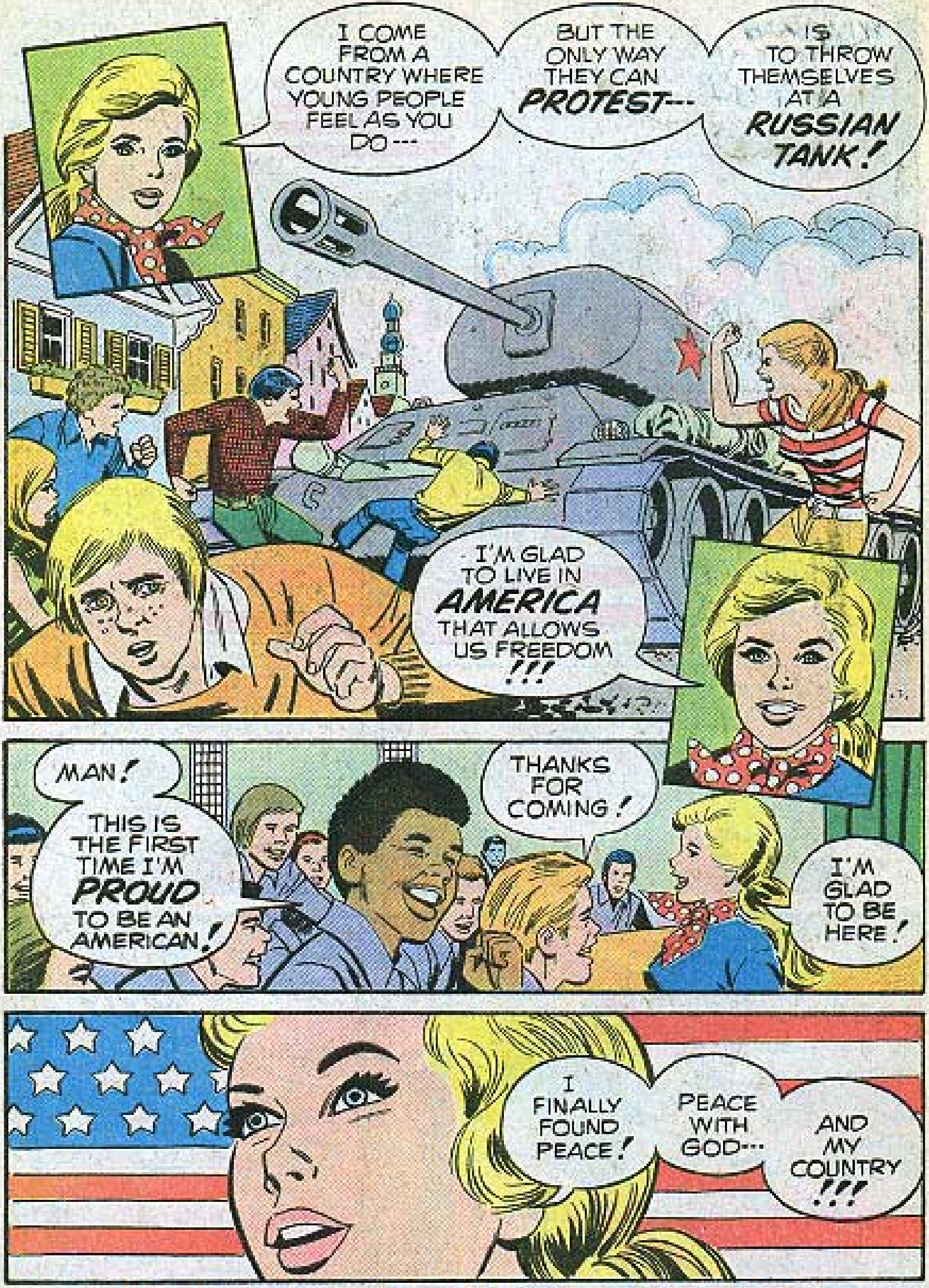

LATER---
OUR COUNTRYMEN BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN WOULDN'T BELIEVE THIS LAND OF PLENTY WE LIVE IN NOW !!!
I WONDER---
DO ALL THESE THINGS OBSCURE GOD'S BLESSINGS ???
IS THAT WHY SO MANY OF MY STUDENTS ARE TROUBLED ???
THEY KNOW THERE'S MORE TO LIFE!
BUT THEY'RE NOT SURE WHERE TO GIVE THEIR ALLEGIANCE!
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I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE---
LORD, I'M IN THE SAME BOAT WITH MY STUDENTS---
---TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA---
---I'M AFRAID TO BE EMOTIONAL ABOUT A HOMELAND---
--- AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS---
--- I DID THAT ONCE AS A NAZI AND I WAS WRONG---
---ONE NATION UNDER GOD---
THOSE WORDS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!
IT'S ALL RIGHT TO LOVE WHAT GOD HAS BLESSED!
THANK YOU, LORD---
FOR AMERICA AND FREEDOM!
PLEASE HELP ME TO SHARE MY LOVE FOR YOU AND FOR AMERICA!
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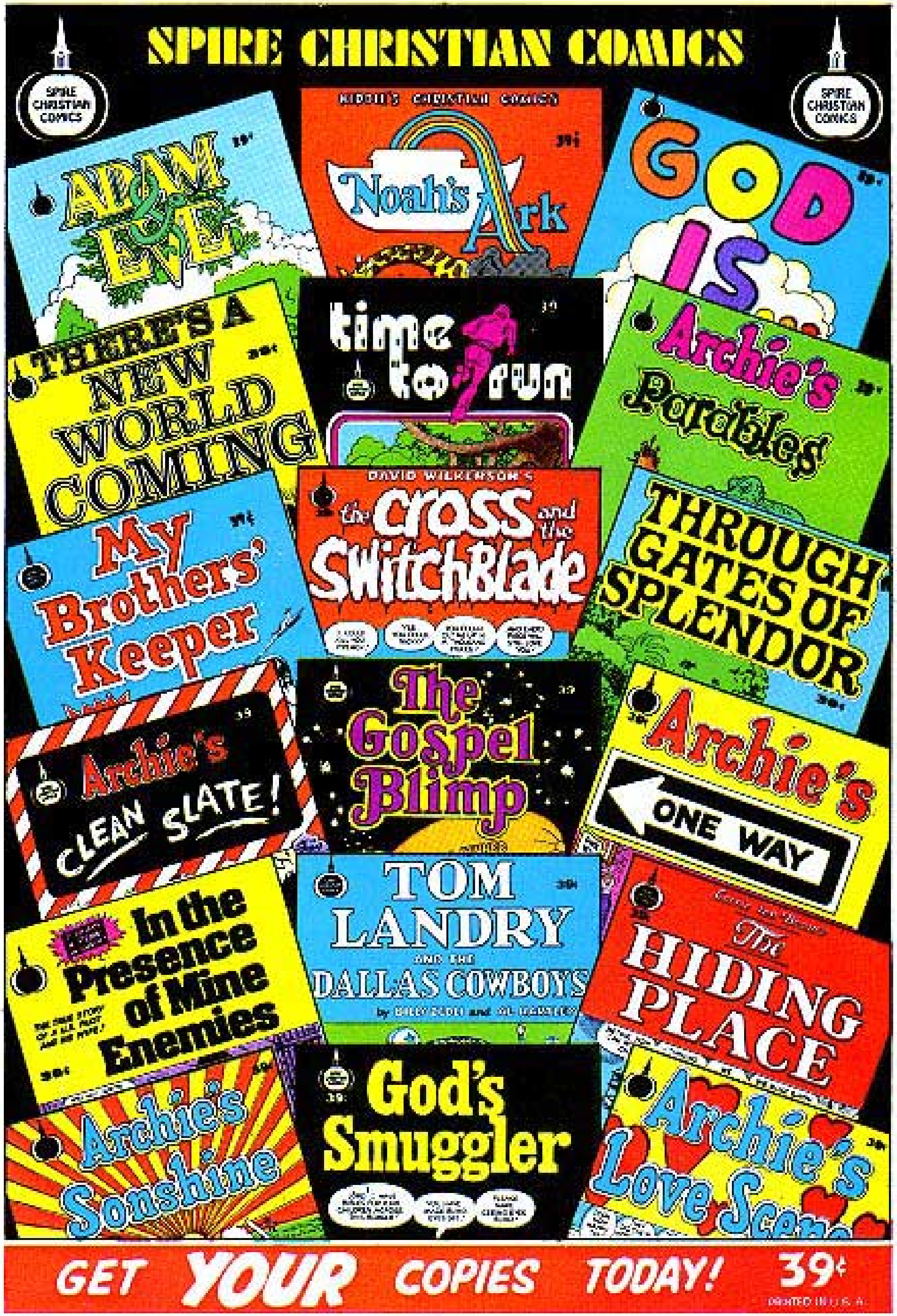

OPEN OUR HOME ???
TO YOUNG PEOPLE ???
THEY NEED A PLACE TO BE HEARD!
AND LOVED!
GOD HAS GIVEN US SO MUCH, RUDY---
WE OUGHT TO SHARE IT!
LORD, LET US BE FRIENDS OF THE NEW GENERATION---
SOME PEOPLE WERE AFRAID THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS CHANGING---
HUMPH! IT'S BECOMING A HIPPIE JOINT!
BUT INSTEAD LIVES WERE BEING CHANGED!
*I FEEL LIKE A BRAND-NEW PERSON!
*SEE II COR. 5:17


I CAME HERE WITH A POCKETFUL OF PILLS---
---I WAS READY TO END IT ALL---
BUT I'VE GOT HOPE NOW!
GO BACK TO YOUR PARENTS, CARLOS---
START OVER AGAIN---
---AND THIS TIME LET CHRIST LEAD THE WAY!
OUR LORD IS SO WONDERFUL---
--- HE BUILDS BRIDGES---
---AND OPENS LOCKED DOORS!
STATE PRISON


BEFORE YOU SPEAK TO THE INMATES---
I MUST WARN YOU---
WE'RE LOADED WITH MILITANTS HERE!
GOOD!
HITLER TAUGHT ME MANY THINGS---
BUT FIVE MINUTES AFTER I DASHED ACROSS NO-MAN'S-LAND TO FREEDOM---
I LEARNED ABOUT *LOVE* AND *KINDNESS* FROM AMERICANS!
NONE OF YOU WERE BORN THEN --- BUT MAYBE YOUR DAD WAS THERE THAT MORNING!
AND I BELIEVE THAT SAME AMERICAN SPIRIT IS STILL AROUND!
MOST AMERICANS WOULD RATHER *HELP* THAN *HURT*!
AND I BELIEVE THAT ABOUT *YOU*!
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GOD WILL KEEP IN PERFECT PEACE ALL THOSE WHO TRUST HIM... SEE ISAIAH 26:3


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